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SUBJECT: US/EUROPEAN RELATIONS

1. IN A WIDE RANGING LUNCHEAON DISCUSSION HOSTED BY BELGIAN
NATO AMBASSADOR DE STAERCCKE, ASSISTANT SECRETARY HARTMAN
REITERATED US CONCERN ABOUT EC/ARAB COOPERATION WHICH WOULD
INVOLVE DEALING WITH ARAB COUNTRIES TOGETHER SINCE THIS
WOULD TEND TO POLARIZE DISCUSSION AND CREATE PRESSURES

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TOWARD MORE RADICAL ARAB VIEWS. AS EXAMPLE OF SUCH ARAB

PRESSURES, HARTMAN NOTED GERMAN LETTER TO ALGERIA WITH REFERENCE TO JERUSALEM WHICH WENT BEYOND TERMS OF THE UN RESOLUTION. DE STAERCKE RESPONDED THAT THERE HAD BEEN NO INTERNAL EC COORDINATION OF THIS GERMAN ACTION.

2. HARTMAN STATED WITH RESPECT TO OVERALL DETENTE POLICY THAT IT IS DIFFICULT TO CONSULT WITH EUROPEANS ON PARTICULAR ASPECTS SUCH AS ECSC IN ISOLATION. WHAT IS NEEDED IS AN OVERALL STRATEGY RELATING SUCH ACTIVITIES AS SALT, MBFR, AND ECSC. HOWEVER, IT WAS AGREED THAT EUROPEANS ARE NOT NOW IN A POSITION TO UNDERTAKE SUCH A COMPREHENSIVE ASSESSMENT.

3. BELGIANS EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT RECENT ACTIONS OF DUTCH GOVERNMENT TO REDUCE DEFENSE LEVELS, AND URGED CONCERTED EFFORTS TO STEM THIS TENDENCY, PERHAPS INCLUDING SECRETARIES KISSINGER AND SCHLESINGER. GREENWALD

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